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IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

--Claim1-6 (Cancelled)

Claim 7 (New) A method of inhibiting hair growth comprising administering to a surface of skin in need thereof an effective amount of a plant extract selected from the group consisting of *Juniperus* plant extracts, rye malt, oat malt and mixtures thereof.

Claim 8 (New) The method of claim 7, wherein said plant extract is an extract of a solvent selected from the group consisting of water, an alcohol and mixtures thereof.

Claim 9 (New) The method of claim 7, wherein said plant extract is present in an amount of 0.00001 to 50 wt%.

Claim 10 (New) A method of inhibiting hair growth comprising administering to a surface of skin in need thereof an effective amount of (B) an inhibitor of neutral endopeptidase and (C) at least one proteolytic enzyme selected from the group consisting of papain, trypsin, chymotrypsin, pepsin, bromelain, ficin and pancreatin.--